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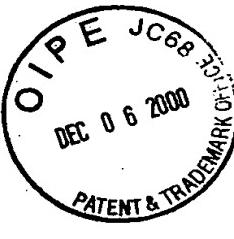
In re Patent Application of

Urban WIDLUND

Application No.: 09/194,700

Filed: March 4, 1999

For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING  
IMPROVED SURFACE PROPERTIES



BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Group Art Unit: 3761

Examiner: M. Kidwell

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [ ] \$55.00 (248) [ ] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_
- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [ ] \$355.00 (279) [ ] \$710.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- No additional claim fee is required.

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[ ] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	13	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	0
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$80.00 (102) =	0
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$270.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					

[ ] A claim fee in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

[ ] Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R.

§§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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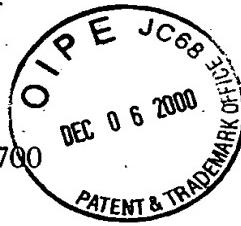
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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

*Please delete the abstract and substitute the abstract attached hereto.*

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please amend the specification as follows:*

Page 18, line 15, delete "508" and insert -- 506 --.

Page 18, line 36, delete "508" and insert -- 506 --.